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Attorney Docket No.: 002818/X1/PDD/PSI/JW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

10/28/03  
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In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 2813  
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Suketu A. Parikh ) Examiner: Pham, T.S.  
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Serial No.: 09/244,788 )  
Confirmation No.: 4159 ) Petition For Extension Of Time  
Filed: 2/5/99 )  
)  
For: Dual Damascene Misalignment )  
Tolerant Techniques For Vias And )  
Sacrificial Etch Segments )

Commissioner for Patents  
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### PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This is a petition for an extension of the time for two (2) months to extend the time to respond to the Office Action mailed on 4/14/03 from the shortened statutory period for response of 7/14/03 to 9/14/03.

A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested, is enclosed herewith.

### Fee Statement

The Extension Fee of \$410.00 for response within the second month is charged to a Deposit account as provided in the enclosed Transmittal Letter.

### Extended Period For Response

Based on the extension requested in this petition, the extended period of response will expire on September 14, 2003.

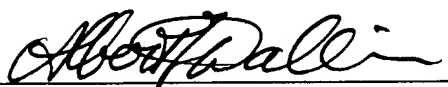
If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 29, 2003

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